

M. U. AGAIN TO GET \$100 POETRY PRIZE

Walter S. Dickey Will Continue Reward Which Originated in 1904.

TWO CHANGES MADE

Time Extended—Length Not Limited—2 Other Schools Have Like Offers.

The University has been fortunate enough to find the means of continuing the well-known annual prize for poetry, which it was feared would have to be omitted this year for the first time in twelve years. Through the generosity of Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City the prize, formerly known as the Nelson C. Field Prize, has been re-established, and the contest will be held as usual this session. The prize will henceforth be known as the Walter S. Dickey Prize, and will amount, as heretofore, to \$100.

Walter S. Dickey is one of the best known men in Missouri public life. He was the candidate of his party in the recent campaign for the United States Senatorship against Senator Reed.

Mr. Dickey writes: "My only wish in the matter is that the conditions under which the prize is awarded are such that the offer will serve its purpose—a larger interest in things not wholly practical."

Unless the English department can improve the conditions so that additional interest will be created, I suggest that the conditions which formerly governed the award be continued. I assume that the English department each year selects the subjects on which the poems must be written."

Conditions of Award to Be Changed.

This year on account of the shortness of the time left for contestants, the English department has decided to modify the conditions of the award in several respects. It authorizes the following announcement:

"Desiring to co-operate with Mr. Dickey's wish that as many students as possible may take advantage of his generous offer, the English department has decided upon the following conditions for this year's contest:

"Walter S. Dickey Prize.—A prize of \$100 for the best poem submitted by a student in any division of the University who has not yet obtained the bachelor's degree. Typewritten copies of poems submitted, signed with a fictitious name and accompanied by a sealed envelop containing both the fictitious and the real name of the writer, must be dropped into the office box of the English department (Room 102, Academic Hall), not later than May 15. No contestant shall use more than one fictitious name.

Time Limit Extended to May 15.

"Two changes in the conditions laid down in former years should be noted:

"1. The time limit is extended from May 1 to May 15.

"2. The following sentence, included in former statements, has been omitted this year: 'Poems submitted must be not less than 75 and not more than 300 lines in length, must be written in blank verse, rimed decasyllables, or the Spenserian stanza, and must be upon a subject or subjects announced by the English department.' Thus there will be no restrictions in length, choice of meter, or subject in this year's contest. All poems submitted will be considered equally eligible.

"At the same time, the department advises contestants to follow the former conditions, which were laid down to help and not to hamper the beginner in the art of verse, as nearly as they can. Seventy-five lines and not more than 300 is, on the whole, best likely to give scope for the qualities expected in the successful prize poem. The meters formerly prescribed are those in which fully 95 per cent of the best English poetry of the past has been written; and the beginner is far more likely to obtain a genuinely poetical result with these than by experimenting with some freakish or untested verse form or rime scheme. Successful experiments, however, will be welcomed, and poems of every style and variety will be given equal consideration.

War Theme Is Suggested.

"With regard to themes, while none are prescribed, the department suggests, in the first place, some aspect of the subject that is foremost in all minds today,—the great war. Inspiration for a fine poem may well be found in a theme connected with one of the countries engaged in the struggle, e. g. "The Spirit of France", "Russia Awake", or "The Duty of America"; or with one of the many notable figures, living or dead, on either side of the combat, e. g.

Lord Kitchener, Rupert Brooke, former Czar Nicholas, Liebnicht, Cardinal Mercier, or others; or with one of the stirring events of the time, e. g. "The Battle of Jutland", "The Defenders of Verdun", "The Fall of Bagdad", "The Russian Revolution", "Belgians Enslaved", "The Opening of Congress, April 2, 1917", or others. Apart from the war, the Shakespeare Tercentenary of 1916, and the Luther Centenary of 1917, might suggest many timely themes. A danger to be avoided is the attempt to handle too big or general a subject; whatever field he selects, the poet's first care should be to narrow his theme and make it concrete and manageable.

"Anyone who desires further suggestions about subject-matter, helpful reading, explanations or examples of meters or verse forms, specimens of former prize-winning poems, or any other information about the contest, may apply to Prof. R. L. Ramsay, Room 102, Academic Hall."

M. U. One of Three to Have Prize.

The re-establishment of the Walter S. Dickey Prize for poetry puts the University of Missouri once more in a class occupied only by two other universities in the world. The University of Oxford in England, Harvard University and the University of Missouri are the only institutions of higher learning which encourage the production of poetry among their students with a prize of such liberal proportions. The Newgate Prize of Oxford, amounting to 21 Pounds, has been in operation for over a hundred years, and is associated with the early efforts of Tennyson, Oscar Wilde, and many other famous men. Harvard has the Lloyd McKim Garrison Prize of \$100. The Missouri prize was first offered in the session of 1904-1905 by Nelson C. Field of Brunswick.

It is of interest to note the subjects and conditions prescribed by the other two universities. At Oxford it is fixed by custom that the poem shall be in heroic couplets and of considerable length. The recitation of the winning poem is always made a feature of the Oxford Commencement. Some of the subjects assigned during recent years are: 1901, Galileo; 1905, Garibaldi; 1906, The Death of Shelley; 1908, Holyrood; 1909, Michaelangelo; 1910, Atlantis. The Garrison Prize at Harvard is awarded for the best poem on a subject or subjects announced by the English department. Usually only one subject is announced each year. Some recent subjects were: Socialism, W. M. Thackeray, Boston as Seen from The Harvard Bridge, Progress, Robert Browning, Panama. The latest subject announced, that of the prize-winning poem of 1915-1916, was Those Who Defended.

CITY AND CAMPUS

G. G. Davis, a local dairyman, left last night for Chicago, where he expects to buy some dairy cows.

Miss Zola Myers and Miss Grace Welker will go to St. Louis with Miss Hildah Neibert to spend the Easter holidays at her home.

Miss Jeannette White will spend the holidays with Miss Dorothy Llewellyn at her home at Kahoka, Mo.

Mrs. M. C. Carr of Columbia will spend the Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. F. Howard, at Palmyra.

Miss Anne Stewart, a senior in the School of Education, was nominated yesterday for May Queen yesterday.

Fred M. Mayfield of McKinney, Tex., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Mayfield, and his sister, Mrs. V. Victor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rudd, who have been visiting in Columbia have gone to Kansas City.

M. H. Frohman went to St. Louis today after a short business visit here.

W. W. Tolson, who has been here on business left today for Aldrich.

J. W. Whitesides went to Moberly today on business.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST: Pair eye glasses in Erker Bros. (St. Louis) case, Thursday, March 29. Phone 255. Reward, B182

LOST: Solid gold wrist watch, Saturday evening. Reward. Finder return to Missouri office.

SOCIETY NOTES

The installation ball of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity was held last night at the Virginia Grill. The fraternity colors, blue and white, were used to form a lattice work on the ceiling and walls, and hanging from it were pink and white apple blossoms. In the center of the floor was a diamond-shaped flower bed formed of potted plants. Favors of leather boxes decorated with the fraternity crest and containing cigarettes for the men and candy for the girls were given. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock. One representative from each fraternity and sorority was invited, making about thirty couples in all. Dean and Mrs. Eldon R. James led the grand march. The chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Schulte, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Miller, Miss Eva Johnston and Dean and Mrs. James.

The University Dames Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. J. Rosenberg, on Hudson avenue.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity has scheduled an informal house dance for Friday, April 13.

Wilmer P. Hudson, a former resident of Columbia, and Miss Louise Flournoy, who was graduated from the University last June, will be married tomorrow at the home of the bride's parents in Marionville. News of the marriage, which was to have taken place in June, came as a surprise to friends here when Miss Jean Flournoy, the bride's sister, was called to her home yesterday to attend the wedding. Mr. Hudson was connected with Penn's Pharmacy last year and is well known in Columbia. He is now the proprietor of a drug store at Clay Center, Kan., where they will make their home.

The semi-monthly Pan-Hellenic dinners were held last night by the sororities. Four members of each sorority were entertained at dinner at the house of some other sorority.

The Margaret Elwang Circle of the Kings Daughters will meet at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Spalding, 719 Hitt street. A program will be given after which there will be a social hour.

Miss Virginia Stewart and her guest, Miss Christine Johnson of Colorado, were dinner guests at the Delta Gamma house last night.

The Dana Press Club has announced the pledging of Harry E. Rasmussen of Austin, Minn.

Mrs. E. J. Rosenberg was hostess at a social meeting of the University Dames yesterday afternoon. The next meeting will be with the president of the club, Mrs. Abner Jones, 1108 Paquin street.

U. H. S. Students to Buy Flag. The students of the University High School at a mass meeting held yesterday decided to purchase a flag for the school. The teachers contributed \$5 to the fund. The flag will fly from a pole to be raised near the school building.

University Library to Close Friday. The reading room of the University Library will be closed all day Friday to permit the transferring of the public catalogue cards to new cases. The library hours during the vacation will be from 8 until 5:30 o'clock.

AT THE ATHENS HOTEL

G. A. Hodgman, St. Louis; O. R. O'Bryan, Sedalia; John and William Wishart, Springfield, Ill.

National Livestock Market.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, EAST ST. LOUIS, April 3.—The live stock market for today was as follows:
CATTLE RECEIPTS, 3,000, including 50 Texans. Market 5¢10 higher, steady.
Native beef steers, \$7.50@12.25.
Yearling steers and heifers, \$8.50@11.15.
Cows, \$5.75@10.00.
Stockers and feeders, \$6.00@10.00.
Calves, \$6@14.50.
Texas steers, \$5.50@9.50.
Cows and heifers, \$4.25@9.00.
HOG RECEIPTS, 10,000. Market 5¢10 higher.
Mixed and butchers, 14.00@15.45.
Good and heavy, 15.40@15.50.
Rough, 14.35@14.85.
Light, 14.05@15.25.
Pigs, 10¢@13.50.
Bulk \$14.00@15.40.
SHEEP RECEIPTS, 2,300. Market steady.
Sheep and ewes, \$9.50@12.25.
Yearlings, \$12.75@14.25.
Lambs, \$13.00@15.40.

"The Best of Everything"

Fresh Fish Specials Thursday and Friday

Channel Cat	Lake Trout	Buffalo	Red Snapper
Crappie	Black Bass	Smelts	Spanish Mackerel
Haddie Fillets	Live Lobsters	Halibut	Smoked White Fish

Libby's Queen Olives per quart 25c
Heinz Genuine Dill Pickles, 6 for 10c

Twenty
Fourth
Year

Richards
MARKET

Broadway Between Ninth and Tenth

Several Phones
Two Seven
Oh.

Society Brand Clothes

FOR YOUNG MEN AND MEN WHO STAY YOUNG



WHEN you consider the art we have put into clothes designing and tailoring, is it any wonder that Society Brand Clothes are known on many an American campus as "upper-class" styles? They make it easy for you to be in the forefront of well-dressed men.

ALFRED DECKER & COHN, Makers, Chicago
For Canada: SOCIETY BRAND CLOTHES, LIMITED, Montreal

When we selected our models and fabrics of Society Brand Clothes we had you classmen in mind. Come here and look them over—\$20 to \$50.

Victor Barth Clothing Co.
THE BIG CLOTHIERS

THE STORE THAT SELLS SOCIETY BRAND CLOTHES

STEPHENS JUNIOR COLLEGE COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Fully Accredited as a Junior College by the University of Missouri and other standard institutions

The following statistics show the remarkable growth of Stephens College in resident enrollment and educational standards since its standardization as a Junior College in 1912:

- 1913-14—Increase in enrollment over preceeding year 100%
- 1914-15—Increase in enrollment over preceeding year 15%
- 1915-16—Increase in enrollment over preceeding year 25%
- 1916-17—Registration closed August 1, 1916, with dormitories filled to capacity

The enrollment of 1916-17 shows an increase of over 180% over the enrollment of 1912-13

Eighty-five per cent of present enrollment are graduates of accredited four-year high schools.

The number of graduates from the literary department has increased 227 per cent.

The number of students matriculating from accredited high schools has increased 200%.

One-fifth of the students in the literary department are honor graduates from accredited four-year high schools. For catalog and information address

JAMES M. WOOD, A. B., B. S. University of Missouri
A. M., Columbia University